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NEW YORK.

Explosion of the Boiler of the Ferryboat Westfield.

30 KILLED---120 WOUNDED.

List of the Sufferers as Far as Ascertained.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA CATASTROPHE.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The Staten Island ferryboat Westfield, which is the city at Whitehall, left with passengers for the opposite side of the bay at 11 o'clock.

The explosion was terrific, shattering the forward part of the boat, and killing and wounding a great number of persons in the water, who were drowned.

The scene is beyond description. Men were seen shorn of their legs or arms, and their heads and bodies were shattered, or burned out their eyes, while others were blinded by the steam, and suffering for their friends who were lost.

The forward part of the boat, where the explosion took place, would have been filled with passengers, but the number was considerably reduced by the fact that it was the hour for dinner, and many persons were on the lower deck.

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[Here follows a long list of names and addresses of persons killed and injured, which we omit.]

Many persons were blown overboard. A father and mother had their children blown from their arms. The water, in consequence of the explosion, was filled with pieces of the boat, human limbs, and bodies.

The after part of the boat, which had the least of the explosion, would have been safe enough, but for the fact that the flames communicated and ignited everything, and in a few minutes the entire boat was in a blaze.

The reports of numerous persons who were on the boat at the time of the explosion, together with the statements of the officers of the boat, show that the explosion was caused by the bursting of the boiler, which was in the forward part of the boat, and was not recently overhauled. The boiler was of the usual pattern, and was considered safe. It was of iron, and was about 20 feet in length.

The engineer, Robert Brown, whose name was reported yesterday as having been killed, is not among the dead. He was on the boat at the time of the explosion, and was injured, but not seriously. He was at his post when the explosion occurred, and remained there until the boat reached the dock. He then left the boat and went to his home, No. 241 Clinton

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Judge Van Higgins presiding.

Decisions were entered as follows:

Judgment for plaintiff in the sum of $1,000 and costs.

Judgment for $1,185.12.

Allen vs. Tenny M. Orbist; set aside.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge Gary presiding.

Decisions were entered as follows:

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